

NSA Declassification/Release Instructions on File

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : Supply by NSA of Material for Inclusion
in the Radio Frequency Usage File

1. NSC 169 of 27 October 1953 directed that CIA implement a plan (contained in Annex B of that document) for the establishment and operation of a file which would constitute a clearing house on foreign usage of the radio spectrum. The purpose of the file is to fulfill several urgent requirements directly related to national security, and to help develop and support the United States position in international negotiations regarding radio spectrum usage. In order to obtain maximum utility of the file, consistent with real problems of security, the NSC and the President ordered that access to the information contained in the file be as unrestricted as possible. It is further stated that all governmental sources of such information should cooperate in providing pertinent information to the file, and consistent with the fulfillment of their primary missions, such supplying agencies should provide analyzed and evaluated information for the file insofar as possible in order to minimize duplication of analytical effort.

2. The directive states that the Central Intelligence Agency will operate the central file as a service of common concern. In establishing the file, it is planned to divide it into two parts, one containing COMINT and the other non-COMINT material, in order to achieve maximum utility while preserving COMINT security practices. Every effort will be made to incorporate the maximum amount of information into the non-COMINT portion of the file, consistent with the applicable rules for the categorization of COMINT, and with the proposed COMINT directive on the proper classification and handling of documents containing information about communications intelligence. It is anticipated, for example, that data on a single transmitter may be divided between both sections of the file.

3. It is recognized that information derived from monitoring is the most fruitful and direct source of high validity information for the file, and that NSA will be one of the principal suppliers of such information. For this reason, the cooperation of NSA is hereby requested.

4. During the course of informal discussions between representatives of CIA and members of your staff, it was determined that the supplying of information by NSA for the frequency file would be contingent upon the completion of arrangements for machine handling of the information in your files and it was suggested that consultation between experts of the two agencies on this subject would be profitable. Our representative would be pleased to make such a visit at your earliest convenience and it would be appreciated if you would indicate when this could be arranged.

5. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.

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ALLAN W. DILLON
Director

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